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BY DERRICK ANTHONY





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Allstate®, the official sponsor of the ABFF, is honored to help bring African-American stories to the silver screen. Vote for your favorite film from the Allstate "Be Reel" Community Voice Film Contest at beyondfebruary.com.



welcome

Jeff Friday | Co-Founder



Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to the Beach and to Film Life's 13th annual American Black Film Festival. We began 13 years ago in Acapulco as a film retreat to showcase and celebrate the best and brightest filmmakers of African descent. Here, today in Miami Beach, we provide a platform for contemporary Black cinema in an atmosphere of tropical intimacy that evokes that of the festival's inception.

For the better part of a year, the Film Life staff and ABFF Advisory Board have worked to assemble what we think is a strong program. We revised our programming goals and selection criteria to focus on quality over quantity. The response to this shift has been overwhelming, and is reflected in our record number of pass sales this year. We thank you!

At its core, our festival has always been about great films; but it has also been about community. One of our key goals has been to further enhance the audience experience by opening up the festival to the community. We are very pleased this year to be working with the City of Miami to accomplish that goal through the ABFF Community Film Showcase.

Over the years we have presented an amazing lineup of films, giving both established and first-time filmmakers an opportunity to share their artistic vision and stories with our audience. This year is no different. The HBO® Short Films are well written, professionally executed and thought provoking; as are the competitive narrative features and documentaries that are being showcased.

Much has happened since our last festival, and we have seen great change in this country. We bore witness to a historic election and are continuing to experience the repercussions of the global economic crisis. In these times of such economic uncertainty we are very grateful to our all of our corporate partners, particularly HBO, BET Networks and Allstate, for their unwavering support of the festival.

I urge you to take advantage of what the ABFF offers, and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next four days. Thank you for being here, and have a great festival!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Friday'.

Jeff Friday
ABFF Co-Founder

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Email: info.writing@nick.com

Hotline: (818) 736-3663

welcome

Olivia Smashum | Founding Sponsor



Dear ABFF Participants:

With great pride and pleasure we, as Founding Sponsor of the American Black Film Festival (ABFF), welcome you to the 13th convening of this renowned and increasingly important forum. Much has happened since we last came together - from the historic changing of administrations in Washington to turmoil in our financial markets. It is not lost on us that these events, along with many others, have a particular resonance and impact on those in our creative communities. It is a testament to the significance of the activities carried on here that even in these troubled economic times, so many of you are were willing to step up and support the return of Festival this year.

There is a certain nostalgic sense with us as the Festival returns to Miami. Nothing against our Hollywood colleagues, but it's nice to be back where the Festival spent so many of its formative years.

This week, HBO continues to proudly showcase a number of great films from promising young filmmakers in the HBO Short Film Award. In the 11 years since the Award was established, we have seen daring and provocative work from dozens of young, talented black filmmakers in what, hopefully, is only their first step in careers that will, through their distinctive voices, add breadth and depth to the world of cinema. The work of this year's five finalists - Chains directed by Sharon Lewis, The Roe Effect directed by Kiel Adrian Scott, Osvaldo's directed by Randy Wilkins, Popous Pane and the Kids He Love to Hate directed by Derrick Anthony, and Cuts directed by Rashaad Ernesto Green. -- will be presented at a special screening on Thursday, June 25th, and the winner of the \$20,000 grand prize will be announced on Saturday the 27th at the ABFF's Awards Presentation.

We also invite you to join us on Saturday for a unique (and what we think will be revealing conversation) with several talented actresses as they share with us their experiences and perspectives as black women in Hollywood.

As always, we look forward to the exchanges of information, the workshops, the networking opportunities, and the collegiality that always mark the festival. We extend our annual thanks to Jeff Friday and his energetic staff for their inexhaustible commitment to supporting the black film community.

So, again, welcome, and enjoy!

Sincerely,

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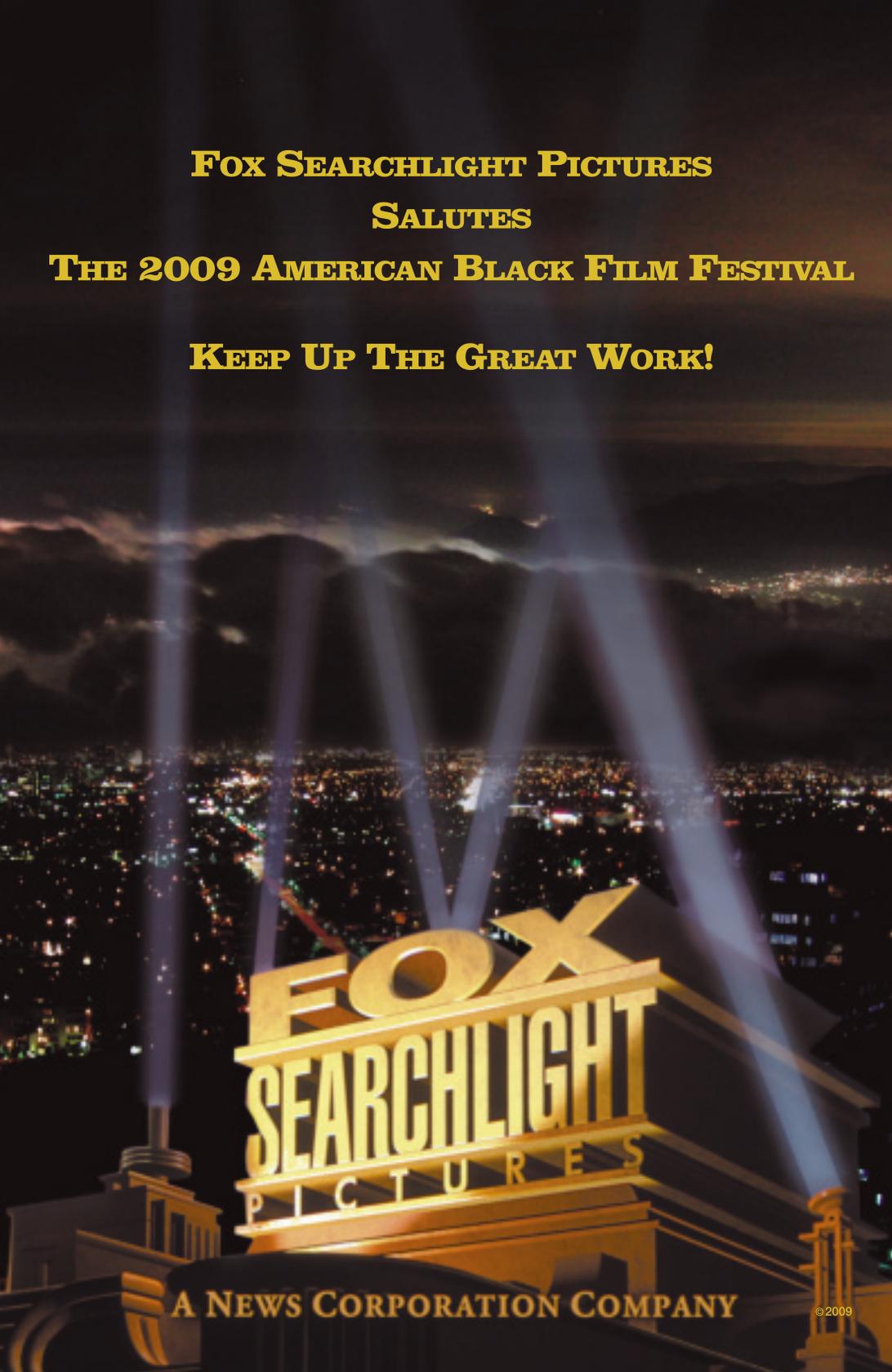
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KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

A night-time aerial view of a city, likely Los Angeles, with spotlights illuminating the Fox Searchlight Pictures sign. The sign is illuminated in gold and features the words "FOX", "SEARCHLIGHT", and "PICTURES" stacked vertically. The background shows a cityscape with lights and mountains in the distance.

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welcome

Matti Herrera Bower | Mayor



Dear Jeff Friday and ABFF:

For thirteen years, the American Black Film Festival has dedicated itself to strengthening the Black filmmaking community by serving as an industry retreat and competitive marketplace for films by and about persons of African descent.

As the leading film festival for Black and urban content, the ABFF produces dozens of world premieres annually and attracts more than 3000 fans and industry professionals. The City of Miami Beach and our local businesses are very appreciative of your patronage.

We enjoyed your festival for several years and were sad when you relocated to Los Angeles. We are so pleased to have you back! I look forward to seeing the new talent and ideas you'll bring us this year and hopefully for many more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matti H. Bower". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Matti Herrera Bower
Mayor

festival schedule

Wednesday, June 24

1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Registration Center:

Pass pickup and on-site sales
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**Opening Night
Pre-Reception**

Sponsored by Stella Artois
Colony Theatre Lobby Bar

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Opening Night Film
WHY WE LAUGH:
Black Comedians
on Black Comedy**

(Passholders only)
Colony Theatre

10:00 PM – 11:30 PM

**Opening Night Film
WHY WE LAUGH:
Black Comedians
on Black Comedy**

(Encore Screening)
Colony Theatre

10:30 PM – 3:00 AM

Opening Night Party

Sponsored by
BET NETWORKS
Delano Hotel

Thursday, June 25

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration Center:

Pass pickup and on-site sales
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

**Master Class:
Robert Townsend's
"The Ultimate Pitch"**

Sponsored by the
Film Life Foundation
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

10:30 AM – 8:00 PM

**Film Screenings:
2009 Official Selections**

Colony Theatre & Miami
Beach Cinematheque

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Symposium:
Legal Aspects
of Independent
Film Distribution**

The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**One Village
Entertainment's
"Pampering Suite"**

(Passholders only)
Surprise celebrity guests 5-7pm
The Ritz-Carlton/3rd Floor

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**Symposium: Nail the
Audition! Get the Job**

Sponsored by the Film Life
Foundation & SAGIndie
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Stella Artois
Cutting Room Mixer**

Catalina Hotel & Beach Club

9:00 PM

**12th Annual HBO®
Short Film Competition**

(Passholders only)
Five filmmakers step into
the Colony Theatre spotlight
and vie for a \$20,000 grand
prize and industry kudos

10:30 PM – 3:00 AM

**ABFF/Soblu, Inc.
Official Party
Live performance by
Raheem DeVaughn**

Sponsored by Soblu, Inc.
LIV at the Fontainebleau
Showtime.....11:15 PM

Friday, June 26

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration Center:

Pass pickup and on-site sales
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

**Master Class:
Gregory Allen Howard's
"Story Design"**

Sponsored by the WGA West
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

10:30 AM – 8:00 PM

**Film Screenings: 2009
Official Selections**

Colony Theatre & Miami
Beach Cinematheque

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Symposium: Digital Media
and the Independent
Filmmaker**

Sponsored by Nielsen
Media Research
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**One Village
Entertainment's
"Pampering Suite"**

(Passholders only)
Surprise celebrity guests 5-7pm
The Ritz-Carlton/3rd Floor



4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**Symposium:
Inside ESPN Films**

Sponsored by ESPN
With Reception
immediately to follow.
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Stella Artois Cutting
Room Mixer**

Catalina Hotel & Beach Club

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**Centerpiece Premiere:
PASTOR BROWN**

Courtesy of Rock Capital Films
Directed by Rockmond Dunbar
and starring Salli Richardson,
Nicole Ari Parker, Keith David
and Michael Beach.
Colony Theatre

10:00 PM

**Partner Event:
SHAQ and DL Hughley
present the All-Star
Comedy Jam.**

Courtesy of Codeblack
Entertainment.

Tickets on sale at the Fillmore Box
Office. Festival passholders receive
20% discount on ticket price at
The Jackie Gleason Theater
The Fillmore Miami Beach

MIDNIGHT – 4:00 AM

**Partner Event: "VEGAS
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Festival Passholders.....\$45

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Tickets on sale at the Fillmore
Box Office or via livenation.com
Festival passholders receive 20%
discount using promo code "Film20"
The Fillmore at the Jackie Gleason Theater

Saturday, June 27

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Registration Center:

Pass pickup and on-site sales
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

**Master Class:
John Singleton's
"The Art of Directing"**

Sponsored by The Film
Life Foundation and Fox
Searchlight Pictures
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

**Film Screenings:
2009 Official Selections**

Colony Theatre & Miami
Beach Cinematheque

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**TNT Sneak Preview:
HAWTHORNE (episode 103)**

Sponsored by TNT
Starring Jada Pinkett Smith
The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor
Complimentary Champagne
& Popcorn

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

HBO Talk Series

The Ritz-Carlton/2nd Floor

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**Closing Night Film
Pre-Reception**

Sponsored by Stella Artois
Colony Theatre Lobby Bar

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

**ABFF Awards
Announcement**

Immediately followed
by a screening of

BLACK DYNAMITE

A Sony Pictures Worldwide
Acquisitions Group (SPWAG)
Release. Directed by Scott Sanders
and starring Michael Jai White.
Colony Theatre

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

ABFF Farewell Mixer

Hosted by Uptown magazine
Gansevoort South/"Plunge" Pool

10:00 PM – 11:30 PM

**Encore Presentation
ABFF Awards
Announcement**

Immediately followed
by a screening of

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Acquisitions Group (SPWAG)
Release. Directed by Scott Sanders
and starring Michael Jai White.
Colony Theatre

10:30 PM – 4:00 AM

Closing Night Party

Hosted by the Film Life
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HAWTHORNE

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Symposiums



Legal Aspects of Independent Film Distribution

Sponsored by Arrington Law Firm
Thursday, June 25 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

This panel will explore the legal and business aspects of film distribution, including theatrical, direct-to-video, and alternate means of distribution. Information will be shared to prepare filmmakers for the challenges they face once a film has been completed – with the goal of empowering filmmakers to be better equipped to deal with distributors and maximize their project's distribution potential.

Guest Speakers

Marvin S. Arrington, Jr., Esq., Arrington Law Firm (Moderator)
Sekou Gary, Esq. Gary Law Firm
Reginald Mathis, Mathis Law Firm
Tytamika Young, Ty Media Group

Nail the Audition! Get the Job

Sponsored by the Film Life Foundation & SAGIndie
Thursday, June 25 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Join leading casting director Winsome Sinclair and other guest speakers to learn how to research, prepare for and present at auditions. Hear what key characteristics they seek in new actors and get tips on mastering the craft of acting in order to nail the audition. SAG will demystify guild requirements and explain the benefits and services provided by the guild.

Moderated by Casting Director Winsome Sinclair with special guest speakers to be announced.

Digital Media and the Independent Filmmaker

Sponsored by Nielsen Media Research
Friday, June 26 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Join Nielsen for an insightful discussion on consumer habits and trends of digital media. Hear how studios are leveraging the platform to market films, home entertainment companies are incorporating digital technology for distribution, and moreover how filmmakers are effectively using social media tools like blogs, Facebook and twitter to promote their films in place of more costly traditional marketing methods.

Guest Speakers

Cindi Smith, Executive Director, Research and Analysis, Nielsen (Moderator)
Brett Dismuke, Executive Director, One Village Image Entertainment
Katrina Craigwell, Attention USA

Inside ESPN Films

Sponsored by ESPN
Friday, June 26 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Whether played out on the field, in the ring, or on the court, every great sports drama is ultimately a human tale—of conflict, determination, passion, triumph, and loss. Since its launch, ESPN Films has been bringing audiences unique projects which represent an extraordinary and diverse mosaic of the impact of sports on American and World culture. From the Peabody Award winning film BLACK MAGIC to Spike Lee's KOBE DOIN WORK, ESPN Films is dedicated to producing films which represent the highest level of sports storytelling. Please join members of ESPN Films and selected filmmakers as they discuss their experiences and the future of the sports documentary.

Guest Speakers

Keith Clinksdales, Senior Vice President Content Development & Enterprises, ESPN
Billie Corben, Director
Alfred Spellman, Producer

TNT Sneak Preview: HAWTHORNE episode 103

A TNT Original Series.
Sponsored by TNT
Saturday, June 27 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Hawthorne is a new TNT drama starring Jada Pinkett Smith as Christina Hawthorne, a headstrong yet compassionate nurse. She leads a team of dedicated nurses who give their all for the patients, even when the system does not.

Christina will often sacrifice her own needs as she juggles her personal life and the demands of her career. But Christina is more than a nurse – she's a fighter, a mother, and a friend – she's every patient's hero."

Guest Speakers

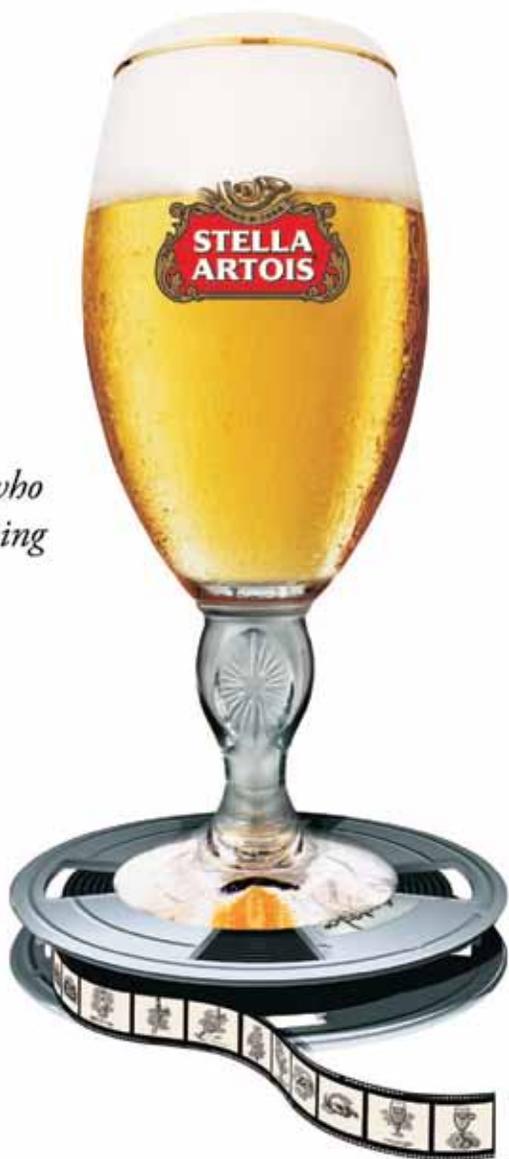
Monica Neal, Vice President, Marketing, TNT
Trent Weitz, Vice President, Drama Development, TNT

HBO® Talk Series

Sponsored by HBO
Saturday, June 27 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Join HBO for this exciting Talk Series where celebrity guests get down to "real talk" during an intimate and candid interview before the festival audience.

*"We applaud the filmmakers who
are never satisfied with anything
less than perfection."*



Master Class



ABFF nurtures artists in a variety of disciplines through its annual series of Master Classes.



Robert Townsend **"The Ultimate Pitch"**

Sponsored by the Film Life Foundation

Hear how to pitch story ideas: from concept to development through the various stages of rewrites, pitching to executives at studios and advice on how to close the deal with clarity, precision and confidence.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON



Gregory Allen Howard **"Story Design"**

Sponsored by the Writers Guild of America West (WGAW)

An overview of story design: structure, plot and character building.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 9:00 AM - 12 NOON

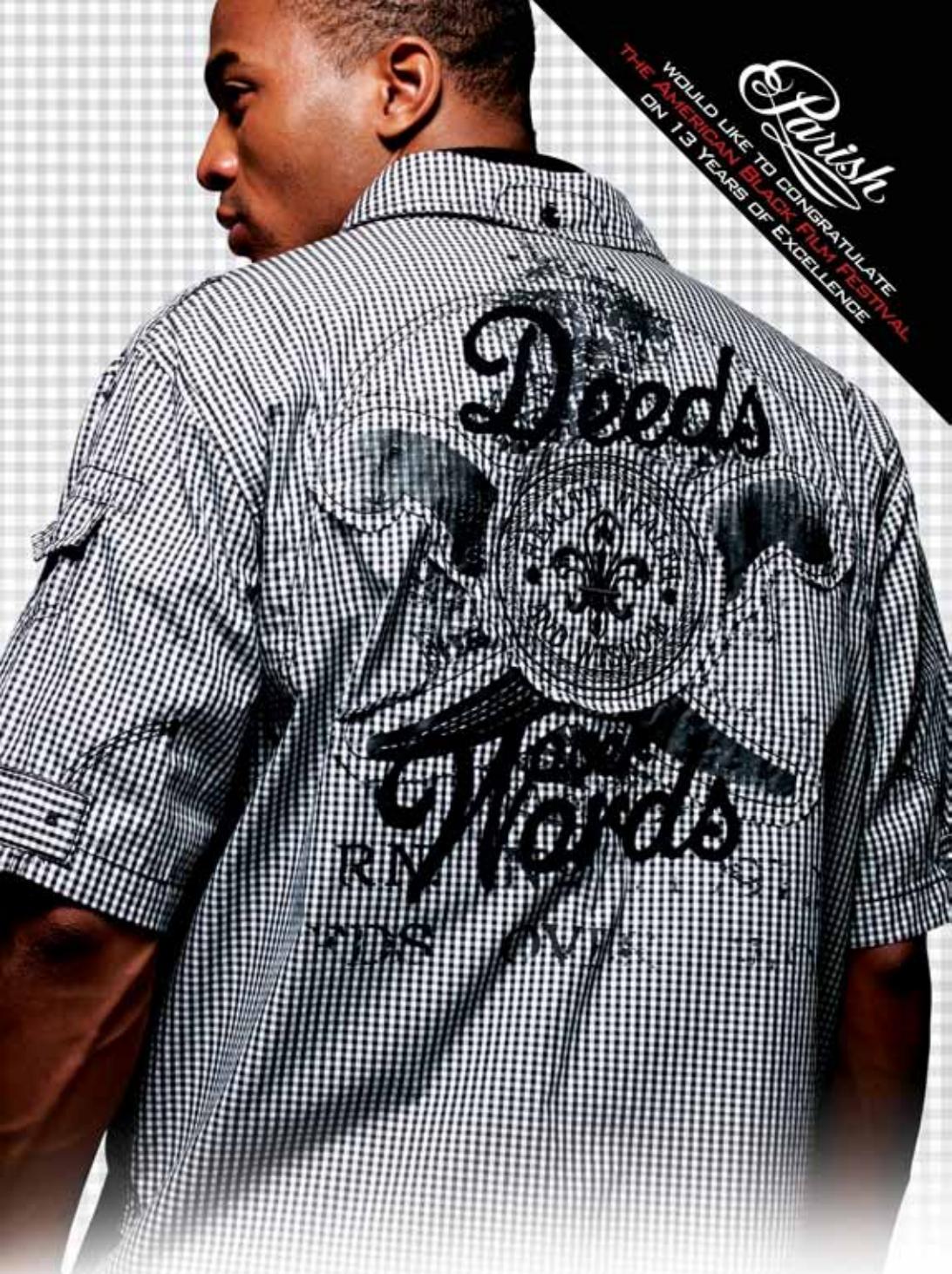


John Singleton **"The Art of Directing"**

Sponsored by Fox Searchlight Pictures

John Singleton shares his knowledge about the art of directing feature length motion-pictures..

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 9:00 AM - 12 NOON



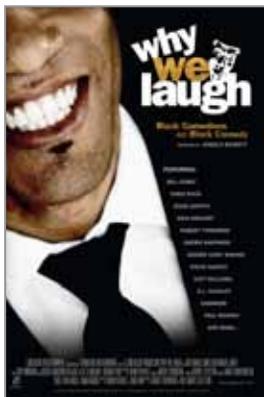
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Opening Night Gala

WHY WE LAUGH: Black Comedians on Black Comedy

2009 USA 91 MIN HD

Courtesy of Codeblack Entertainment

DIR: Robert Townsend SCR: Quincy Newell, John Long EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: Jeff Clanagan, Richard Foos PROD: Quincy Newell, Robert Townsend, Darryl Littleton, Angela Northington

A sweeping account of the evolution of black comedy in America and its cultural influence (inspired by Darryl Littleton's book).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 7:00 PM (Passholders only)
Colony Theatre

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 10:00 PM
Colony Theatre

Closing Night Gala

BLACK DYNAMITE

2008 USA 90 MIN. SUPER 16

A Sony Pictures Worldwide Acquisitions Group (SPWAG) Release

STORY BY: Michael Jai White, Byron Minns SCR: Michael Jai White, Byron Minns, Scott Sanders DIR: Scott Sanders CAST: Michael Jai White, Salli Richardson-Whitfield, Obba Babatundé, Tommy Davidson, Arsenio Hall, Byron Minns, Nicole Ari Parker, Chris Spencer, Kim Whitley, Bokeem Woodbine

The story of 1970's action legend "Black Dynamite."

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 7:00 PM (Passholders only)
Colony Theatre

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 10:00 PM
Colony Theatre

Centerpiece Premiere



PASTOR BROWN WORLD PREMIERE

2008 USA 96 MIN SUPER 16

Courtesy of Rock Capital Films

SCR: Rhonda Baraka DIR: Rockmond Dunbar EXEC. PROD: Shaun Livingston, Charles Oakley, PROD: Steven Belsler, Rockmond Dunbar, Re'Shaun Frear, Carol Ann Shine CO-PROD: Salli Richardson-Whitfield CINEMATOGRAPHER: Keith L. Smith PRODUCTION DESIGNER: Corey Washington EDITOR: Avril Beukes CASTING DIRECTOR: Vanessa Rodriguez-Spencer STARRING: Salli Richardson-Whitfield, Nicole Ari Parker, Keith David, Rockmond Dunbar, Michael Beach, Tasha Smith, Tisha Campbell-Martin, Dondre Whitfield, Angie Stone, Reverend Creflo Dollar

A faith-based story of family and redemption.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 7:45 PM (Passholders only)
Colony Theatre

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BLUE

2008 USA 110 MIN DVPRO HD

DIR: Ryan Mingingham SCR: Don Wallace PROD: Jaime Guest, Don Wallace, Ryan Mingingham CAST: Don Wallace, Keith David, Daya Vaidya, Charles Malik Whiffied, Henry G. Sanders

A prize fighter struggles to put his dark past behind him.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 4:50 PM

Colony Theatre

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1:45 PM

Miami Beach Cinematheque



4 MINUTES WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 113 MIN HD

DIR: Dwayne Boyd, Bodie Norton SCR: Charles Saunders, Dwayne Boyd PROD: Dwayne Boyd CAST: Jason Sylvain, Dwayne Boyd, Ja'el Roberson, Pierre, Gregalan Williams, Arle Michel

A romantic comedy about the search for love amidst the challenges of fatherhood.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 11:00 PM

Miami Beach Cinematheque

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 12:40 PM

Colony Theatre



A KISS OF CHAOS WORLD PREMIERE

2008 USA 104 MIN 35MM

DIR/SCR: Richardo Sean Thompson PROD: Michelle-anne M. Small CAST: Judy Marte, Manny Perez, Michael Rivera, Paul Calderon, Adam Rodriguez

An emotionally conflicted artist is dragged into a vortex of danger and chaos.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2:25 PM

Colony Theatre

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 4:20 PM

Miami Beach Cinematheque



MISSISSIPPI DAMNED

2008 USA 120 MIN 35MM

DIR/SCR: Tina Mabry PROD: Morgan R. Stiff, Lee V. Stiff CAST: Adam Clark, Malcolm Goodwin, Chasity Hammitte, Michael Hyatt, Malcolm David Kelley, Kylee Russell, Jossie Harris Thacker, Tessa Thompson, Simbi Kalli Williams, DB Woodside

Three kids from the rural South suffer the consequences of their family's cycle of abuse.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 4:30 PM

Colony Theatre

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2:30 PM

Miami Beach Cinematheque

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I DO...I DID! WORLD PREMIERE

2008 USA 94 MIN HD

DIR: J. Jesses Smith SCR: Cherie Johnson & Charisse Edey
PROD: Lisa Diane Washington, Cherie Johnson CAST: Cherie Johnson,
Shar Jackson, Antwon Tanner, April Scott, Marcus Patrick

A man's dead wife returns to wreak
havoc on his new life.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1:40 PM

Miami Beach Cinematheque

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 10:30 AM

Colony Theatre



KILLING OF WENDY WORLD PREMIERE

2008 USA 100 MIN HD

DIR: David Hickson SCR: Jason Conway PROD: Edward Chitate,
Ernest Gumbo, Robbi Reed CAST: Vanessa Bell Calloway, Rachel
True, Melissa De Sousa, Natalie Desselle-Reid, Natalie Raitano,
Drew Sidora, Caroline Chikezie, Leila Arcieri, Angell Conwell,
Bianca Lawson, Michael Boatman, David Webb.

A murder mystery with 10 female suspects.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2:15 PM

Colony Theatre

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 6:25 PM

Miami Beach Cinematheque



MY GIRLFRIEND'S BACK WORLD PREMIERE

2008 USA 90 MIN HDV

DIR: Steven Ayroloomi SCR: Huriyyah Muhammad, Mandel Holland,
Tangi Miller PROD: Tangi Miller CAST: Malik Yoba, Tangi Miller,
Victoria Platt Tilford

A successful bachelor is torn between
love and the pursuit of success.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 10:30 AM

Colony Theatre

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 6:50 PM

Miami Beach Cinematheque



PREACHER'S KID WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 110 MIN 35MM

Courtesy of Gener8Xion Entertainment, Inc./Warner Brothers

SCR/DIR: Stan Foster PROD: Darryl Taja, Matthew Crouch, Stan Foster
CAST: Letoya Luckett, Durrell "Tank" Babbs, Essence Atkins,
Clifton Powell, Tammy Townsend, Trey Songz

A young woman defies her father to
pursue love and music.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 3:10 PM

Colony Theatre

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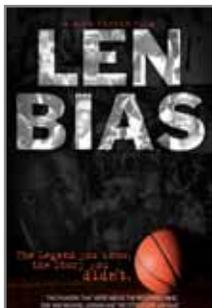
THE PROVIDENCE EFFECT

2008 USA 92 MIN HDCAM

DIR: Rollin Binzer PROD: Tom Hurvis, Julie Hurvis

The remarkable story of Chicago's Providence St. Mel elementary school.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 4:05 PM
Miami Beach Cinematheque
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 10:30 AM
Colony Theatre



LEN BIAS WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 85 MIN HD

DIR: Kirk Fraser SCR: Sam Bardley, Kirk Fraser PROD: Sammy Steward, Kali McIver, Gregory Stewart FEATURING: Michael Wilbon (sports journalist), James Brown (sports journalist), Dean Smith (former North Carolina Tar Heels head coach), John Thompson (former Georgetown University coach) and Len Bias (himself).

A tragic story about the death of a basketball legend.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 12:35 PM
Colony Theatre
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 12:20 PM
Miami Beach Cinematheque



WHY DO JAMAICANS RUN SO FAST? WORLD PREMIERE

2008 JAMAICA 61 MIN

DIR: Miquel Galofré WRITER: Laura Carulla PROD: Fernando Garcia-Guereta FEATURING: Usain Bolt, Asafa Powell, Veronica Campbell, Melanie Walker

A celebration of Jamaica's triumphs at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 12:40 PM
Colony Theatre
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 10:30 AM
Miami Beach Cinematheque

Sponsored Contests

HBO® Short Film Competition

2009 marks the 12th annual HBO Short Film Award, one of the most prestigious competitions on the film festival circuit. Five finalists compete for a grand prize of \$20,000. Join us for the HBO Short Film Ceremony, Thursday, June 25, 9:00 pm, at the Colony Theatre, where the five films are screened. The winner will be announced at the ABFF Awards Announcement, Saturday, June 27. An encore screening will be held on Friday, June 26, 10:30 am, at the Miami Beach Cinematheque.

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CHAINS WORLD PREMIERE

2009 CANADA 10 MIN HD

SCR/DIR: Sharon Lewis

Would you risk your life to grow a flower? It's 2049. Chain thirsts to find beauty in her barren underground community. So with the support of her lover, Fric, she risks punishment of death and grows a flower.



CUTS WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 13 MIN HD

DIR: Rashaad Ernesto Green CO-SCR: Ryan Haydon & Rashaad Ernesto Green

Michael Taylor Jr. strikes out in a baseball game, and must now prove his manhood to his father by pursuing a girl from school.



OSVALDO'S WORLD PREMIERE

2008 USA 20 MIN HD

SCR/DIR: Randy Wilkins

Over a dinner, the Dominguez family confronts the pain of the past and the uncertainty of the future.



POPOUS PANE AND THE KIDS HE LOVES TO HATE WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 14 MIN HD

SCR/DIR: Derrick Anthony

Two brothers, unaware of each others' existence, are brought together by their father's deceptions and lies.



THE ROE EFFECT WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 19 MIN HD

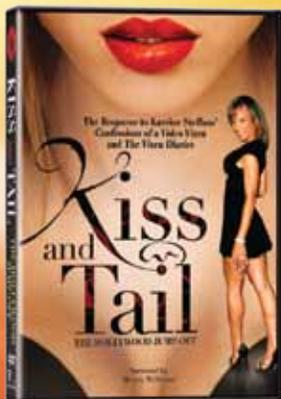
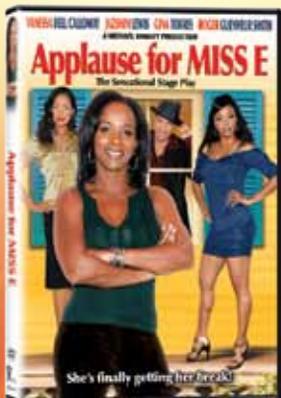
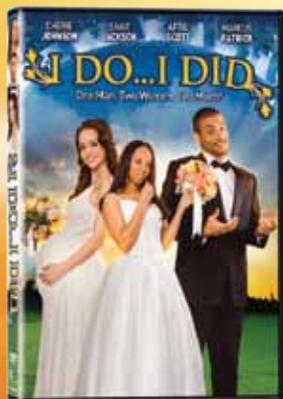
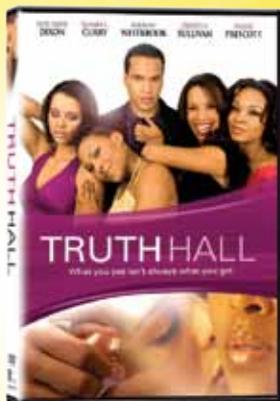
SCR/DIR: Kiel Adrian Scott

Dawn, a high school girl, and her girlfriend, Sam, are madly in love; but when Dawn falls victim to an unwanted pregnancy she must choose between exposing a painful truth and losing the woman she loves.



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Allstate® Beyond February “Be Reel” Film Contest

Now in its third year, the “Be Reel” film contest is a part of Allstate’s ongoing year-round commitment to the community. Filmmakers were asked to create an original film (5 to 90 seconds in length) on one of the following themes:

- Through All This Change, My Change Adds Up – How these recessionary times have positively impacted/changed relationships with friends, family and the community.
- What’s Next? – Even during tough financial times, African Americans have faith and believe that things will get better. Define what that “light” is for the community and family at the end of the tunnel.

Congratulations to this year’s finalists. One winner will be selected as the 2009 winner and will receive a \$5,000 cash prize and a career coaching session with the festival’s founder (to be announced at the ABFF Awards, Saturday, June 27). Please see ABFF screening schedule at abff.com for showtimes.



THE BROKEN SOLE WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 88 SECONDS MINI-DV

SCR/DIR: Travis Dent

A young boy earns money to purchase new sneakers, but finds himself faced with a difficult decision.



CHANGE WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 90 SECONDS HD RED

SCR/DIR: Ya’Ke

A community unites and comes to the aid of an elderly woman as she faces foreclosure.



D.I.Y. (DO IT YOURSELF) WORLD PREMIERE

2009 USA 90 SECONDS HD RED

SCR/DIR: Elijah Kelley

After losing his job to the recession, Jerry Palmer and his family are confronted with the distressing question, “What’s next?” Their answer, “Do It Yourself.”

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June 24 – June 27

Provides access for one person to all official festival events including: opening night film, opening night party, competitive film screenings, symposiums, mixers, HBO Short Film competition, official festival parties, awards announcement, closing film and closing night party. Includes admission to all master classes, express entry to all events, VIP check-in and reserved seating at opening and closing night screenings. Special discounts to festival partner events.

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(excludes master classes)

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MASTER CLASSES

Robert Townsend's "The Ultimate Pitch" **\$75**

Thursday, June 25
9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Hear how to pitch story ideas: from concept to development through the various stages of rewrites, pitching to executives at studios and advice on how to close the deal with clarity, precision and confidence.

Gregory Allen Howard's "Story Design" **\$75**

Friday, June 26
9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

This class provides an overview of story design: structure, plot and character building. Presented in association with the Writers Guild of America West (WGAW).

John Singleton's "The Art of Directing" **\$75**

Saturday, June 27
9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

John Singleton shares his knowledge about the art of directing feature-length motion pictures.

FESTIVAL PARTIES

"ABFF After Dark" Party Package **\$150**

Provides admission for one to official festival parties: Opening night (6/24), Thursday night (6/25) and closing night (6/27).

Opening Night Party **\$75**

Wednesday, June 24
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Official ABFF Party **\$75**

Thursday, June 25
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Closing Night Party **\$75**

Saturday, June 27
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SYMPOSIUMS

Legal Aspects of Independent Film Distribution	\$20
Thursday, June 25 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	
Nail the Audition! Get the Job	\$20
Thursday, June 25 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	
Digital Media and the Independent Filmmaker	\$20
Friday, June 26 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	
Inside ESPN Films	\$20
With reception to follow Friday, June 26 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	
Sneak Preview: HAWTHORNE	\$20
A TNT Original Series. Complimentary Champagne and popcorn Saturday, June 27 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	
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Film Screenings
Tickets on sale via Ticketmaster \$12 and the Colony Theatre Box Office
Opening and Closing Night Films
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HBO Short Film Competition
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HOW TO BUY

Festival passes, party tickets and symposium tickets can be purchased at the festival's Registration Center located in The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, South Beach. Office hours are:
June 24, 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm,
June 25 & 26, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm,
June 27, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Tickets for film screenings are on sale at the Colony Theatre Box Office, Miami Beach Cinematheque and via Ticketmaster.

Residents of South Florida are entitled to a 25% discount on the purchase of festival passes, master classes, symposiums and movie tickets. Excludes festival parties. Valid for 1 pass and 1 ticket per person, per event. Proof of residence required. Valid one pass and one ticket per event per person. Cash sales only.

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